

II. Uttar Pradesh:**1. Agra:**

(A) Extension/modification of terminal building

(B) Apron Extension;

2. Lucknow:

(A) Extension/modification of terminal building;

(B) Resurfacing of runway and truning pad;

(C) Construction of Boundary Wall;

3. Kanpur:

(A) Construction of boundary wall;

(b) and (c) The projects are on schedule.

Introduction of New Passenger Train between Ayodhya and New Delhi

2041. SHRI VINAY KATIYAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the international importance of Ayodhya in Uttar Pradesh the Government propose to introduce a new passenger train between Ayodhya and New Delhi via Kanpur;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) There is no such proposal at present;

(b) Does not arise;

(c) Operational and resource constraints.

Concessions to Journalists

2042. DR. G.R. SARODE:

SHRI S.P. JAISWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any concession is given to accredited card holder journalists in rail fare;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the journalists of Maharashtra are deprived of this facility;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the district level journalists can also avail the concession in rail fare; and

(f) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) As per the existing provisions, Press Correspondents accredited to the Headquarters of Government of India and State Governments/Union Territories, residing within 25 Kms. of the concerned Capital, are issued rail travel coupons at 25% concession in First Class and 50% concession in Second/Sleeper Class for travel upto 2500 Kms. per month on bonafide professional work.

(c) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(e) and (f) It has been decided to extend concessional travel facility to District level Press Correspondents also.

[Translation]

Gauge Conversion

2043. DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that gauge conversion work is being carried out between Neemach and Ratlam on the Ratlam-Ajmer division of Western Railway;

(b) whether certain bridges have been widened and roads have also been extended at several places during the course of this work;

(c) whether the gauge conversion work of this route was scheduled to be completed during 1995-96, but due to lack of funds this work is being delayed and the citizens, industrialists and public representatives of this area have requested the Government to provide the necessary funds; and

(d) if so, the time by which the remaining work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. The work is targeted for completion in IX Plan Period.

[English]

ESI Hospitals

2044. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of new ESI hospitals proposed to be opened in the country, State-wise; and

(b) the amount proposed to be provided in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNA-CHALAM): (a) A statement showing State-wise position of ESI Hospitals under construction is enclosed;

(b) Rs.10,246.87 lakh.